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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 31 August 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☒ 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☒ C. Other see the attached.
- ☒ 2. Abstract:
  - ☒ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☒ E. Other: see the attached.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

**TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:**

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

**Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

**Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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**Attachment: Notice of NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

Only the corrected sections of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety). In this case, the entire "Amendment to the specification" section, the Abstract, and the "Amendment to the claims" section of applicants' amendment document filed on Aug. 31, 2006, must be resubmitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

Item 1C: The "Amendment to the specification" section filed on Aug. 31, 2006, does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because the amended paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, of the specification, tries to amend a paragraph that does not exist. The amended paragraph deletes words that were not present in the previous filed paragraph and tries to add words that are already present in the previous filed paragraph. The amended paragraph at line 5, deletes the word "Tedlar." However, the previously filed paragraph uses the word "TEDLAR". The amended paragraph at line 6, adds the word -- TEDLAR --. However, as discussed above that word was already present in the previous filed paragraph.

The amended paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, also merely deletes words and add phrases without using the proper markings to indicate deleted text and to indicated added text. For example, the amended paragraph at line 10, of the amended

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paragraph, adds the term -- CALGON -- without using the proper markings to indicate its addition, and deletes the word "Calgon" without using the proper markings to indicate its deletion.

Applicants have improperly amended the paragraph.

37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii) states that "[t]he full text of any replacement paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters . . ." (emphasis added).

Item 4E: The "Amendment to the claims" section filed on Aug. 31, 2006, does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because it is not on a separate sheet. The first page of the "Amendment to the claims" section contains the replacement abstract and also a portion of the last amended paragraph in the "Amendment to the specification" section.

37 CFR 1.121(c)(1) states that "[t]he claim listing shall commence on a separate sheet of the amendment document and the sheet(s) that contain the text of any part of the claims shall not contain any other part of the amendment" (emphasis added).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Mark Huff, can be reached on (571) 272-1385. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry regarding papers not received regarding this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Supervisory Application Examiner Ms. Claudia Sullivan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1052.

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